

Jim Boyd - State Energy Program: CaliforniaFIRST

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Dear Chairwoman Douglas,

Thank you for your leadership as the Commission's Chairperson. And thank you for positioning California at the forefront of energy policy, innovation, and ultimately green job creation. Sacramento has benefited greatly from your work. As a result, we had the greatest green job growth in the State over the last decade.

I am writing today to tell you that decisions made by your Commission at your next business meeting will significantly impact City of Sacramento residents. I am extremely concerned about the future of the State Energy funding from solicitation 400-09-401. Under this solicitation, our City as a partner in the Sacramento County application, was awarded the highest application score and \$16.5 million to implement CaliforniaFIRST. Implementing such a program in our community will create hundreds of jobs and hundreds of millions of dollars in economic activity, so the possibility of losing this opportunity concerns me. As a Mayor, I feel a tremendous urgency to do what I can to get my community back to work and this program will help do just that.

While I understand the challenges presented by FHFA, I strongly encourage you and your board to be bold and creative and move forward in contracting funding to 400-09-401 awardees. We are poised to shift toward an alternative financing mechanism once your board provides the flexibility within solicitation 400-09-401.

Sincerely,

Mayor Kevin Johnson
 City of Sacramento